

103<sup>D</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 3233

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 6, 1993

Mr. WILSON introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Natural Resources and Agriculture

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. ACTIONS TO CONTROL THE SOUTHERN PINE**  
4       **BEETLE IN WILDERNESS AREAS IN TEXAS.**

5       (a) ACTIVE CONTROL REQUIRED.—Notwithstanding  
6       section 4(c) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(c))  
7       and section 4(a) of the Texas Wilderness Act of 1984

1 (Public Law 98–574; 98 Stat. 3051), the Secretary of Ag-  
2 riculture shall undertake active measures—

3 (1) to control the infestation of the southern  
4 pine beetle in the five wilderness areas in the State  
5 of Texas designated in section 2 of the Texas Wil-  
6 derness Act of 1984; and

7 (2) to prevent the spread of the southern pine  
8 beetle from such wilderness areas to adjacent private  
9 forest lands.

10 (b) TYPES OF CONTROL MEASURES.—Measures un-  
11 dertaken to control the infestation of southern pine beetles  
12 in wilderness areas in the State of Texas may include the  
13 use of salvage harvesting of timber stands that—

14 (1) are already substantially damaged by the  
15 southern pine beetle; or

16 (2) will prevent the spread of the southern pine  
17 beetle to healthy stands of timber.

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